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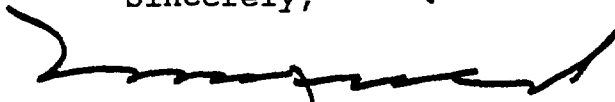
Mrs. Lauren Belvin
Federal Communication Commission
Legislative Affairs Office
1919 M Street, NW, Room 808
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mrs. Belvin:

Enclosed please find copies of letters I recently received from constituents regarding FCC docket #93-39 (A) 8025 License and Fee. I hope that you will carefully consider the concerns expressed in this letter during your review of these proposed regulation.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,



Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senator

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Senator Mark Hatfield
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Hatfield,

I am writing to you to register my opposition to the plan to increase recreational boater's radio fees, under FCC Docket #93-39 (A) 80-25 License term and fee. This would change the cost and length of a license from \$35 and five years to \$110 and ten years.

First, as you are probably are aware, these licenses are not transferable and that the average boater only keeps a boat for about 3 1/2 years. That means that every time a boater gets a new boat, the fee would be \$110. Let me assure you that that will discourage boaters from either using VHF at all or in a legal manner.

Second, as an experienced member of a U.S. Coast Guard motor lifeboat (MLB) crew, I have witnessed far too often the decreased use of VHF and the replacement of it with CB radio. A USCG MLB can use a radio detection finder to locate a VHF but has no ability to do so on the crowded and largely uncontrolled CB airwaves. This is unsafe.

I believe that this rule change is merely another way for the government to obtain money from boaters. However, this time, this effort is very dangerous and could cost someone their life. Please register your opposition to this rule change and, literally save someone's life.

Sincerely,



Kurt R. Nelson

February 9, 1994

Senator Mark O. Hatfield
SH-711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: FCC Docket #93-39 (A) 8025 License term and fee

Dear Senator Hatfield:

As a concerned recreational boater in the crowded waterways of Portland, Oregon, I am writing to you of my objection to the proposed increase in the ship's station radio license term and fee from \$35 for a five year license to \$115 for a ten year license.

This radio license is issued to the vessel, not the operator/owner, and I believe a majority of boat owners do not keep the same boat for ten years; therefore, a ten year license is not realistic.

I also believe that the cost of the ten year license will make it prohibitive for many recreational boaters, thus raising a safety issue with the increase of boating traffic on our waterways.

Our options and instruments for communicating in a myriad of ways are increasing daily, and the increases are reducing the costs. With better communication among everyone our goal, let's keep the license term to five years with a reasonable fee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phyllis J. Catlin", written in a cursive style.

Phyllis J. Catlin
4224 S.E. Cora
Portland, OR 97206
(503) 774-5023

February 10, 1994

Senator Mark O. Hatfield
SH-711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Joseph A. Michell, Jr.
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